

### **New Claims Transfer Fee to Take Effect May 1, 2013**

Effective May 1, 2013, the bankruptcy courts will begin charging a new fee of \$25 for each transfer of claim filed. This fee was approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States at its September 2012 session.

Bankruptcy Rule 3001(e) requires the clerk of court to notice a transferred claim, if a waiver is not filed with the claim transfer, and provides additional notice and hearing requirements if an objection to a transfer is made. Therefore, the filing fee for the claims transfer must be paid when filed.

The fee will be assessed by bankruptcy courts upon the filing of the claim transfer, whether filed by a transferee or transferor. It will apply to partial claims transfers as well. The \$25 fee will be charged for each individual claim transferred. The fee must be paid via the court's Pay.Gov system with a credit or debit card. An entity that electronically handles claims transfers must ensure that the individual filing a transfer is authorized to pay this fee by credit card.

Entities that transfer claims should be aware that courts may be reviewing user accounts, account access, and the number of accounts authorized for a particular entity in anticipation of this fee.

**Please Note: All user accounts in the CM/ECF system for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Louisiana must be reviewed by the account holder and updated where appropriate prior to May 1, 2013.**

For questions regarding this fee, please contact the court at 225-346-3333.